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Sir:

The above-identified application has been allowed and the issue fee has been paid. However, a supplementary search report recently has issued by the European Patent Office and was received by the undersigned U.S. counsel on December 13, 2004. Several of the references cited in the Supplementary European Search Report were already made of record in the United States. However, the European Searcher identified six references that were not previously made of record in the United States. Those references, or their U.S. equivalent, are listed on the attached copy of Form PTO-1449. Copies of the identified French reference and the European reference are attached as well. All of the references relate generally to electrical connectors that are intended to facilitate mating. The Examiner is requested to place this Information Disclosure Statement in the Official file.

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